

MUSEUM MUSINGS



ITASCA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Case found a new home!
When the Grand Rapids Area Library first moved into the building, a display cabinet was purchased for ICHS to use for exhibits. The Library needed it to showcase events and projects so we used it when it needed to be filled. Well, the lobby is being remodeled and the library called and offered the display case to ICHS. It is now in the River Room holding the American Indian and Woolly Mammoth artifacts. It has found just the right home....

Volunteers that helped us to move the very heavy case were Will, Silvas, Zander Stineberg, Jason Ramey and Richard Anderson.

2021 Volunteer Hours

1st Quarter: 1277

January: 438

February: 432

March: 407

Veterans History Project
Hours: 401

Thank you!

NEED YOUR HELP!

ICHS is looking for artifacts from the Nashwauk/Keewatin and Deer River School Districts. If you know someone that attended those schools in the past or even now, let them know we are trying to tell the school stories and need artifacts to help with the story!

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Murder in Craig on Piggly Avenue is the current theme for the Grand Rapids Escape Room!

While we are working hard at the River Room and Itasca Schools Gallery, the escape room has been in operation.

History in the Making.....

ICHS has been conducting oral histories with military veterans from Itasca County starting in 2019 and only when the Governor let us open in 2020. Volunteer Diane Gross and historian Wesley Sisson have been leading an initiative to meet with and document the voices of veterans from the county. Originating as part of the Itasca Veterans History Project which began in 2018, the project has expanded beyond the written word to include video and audio recordings. Wesley and Diane each have family members who have connections with the service. The stories they heard from their families inspired them to take on this project. The team has met with nearly a dozen veterans from around the county who have served in the Second World War, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and the Cold War. Each oral history has been recorded in audio and video formats which will be preserved and transcribed at ICHS. The interviews have been across all branches of the armed forces and the project currently spans several generations. It will be an ongoing project which will continue to grow as more service men and women provide the museum with their experiences. Each story shared with us has been unique and special regardless of what the veteran experienced during their time in the service. Each veteran feels a certain way about their time in the military and each individual has a completely new story to tell. Collecting that diverse history has been exciting for this project. Reflecting on the past has not always been easy for every veteran but preserving these stories has been vitally important for historical and educational purposes. Once a veteran has passed away, their story goes with them so it is crucial to preserve these stories while we can. The oral histories will be preserved and eventually transcribed at the Itasca County Historical Society so that future generations can reflect on the past and the joy of the voices of veterans that served our communities. Call and make your appointment to day! 218-326-6431, Wesley Sisson and Diane Gross

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